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**COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER (Agawam) and Southwick resident, John Whalley, addresses Southwick's School Committee, hoping to persuade the board of purchase Atari micro-computers for the school system. Seated (L-R) are Paul Meager, appointed acting high school principal in Alexander Prew's absence, Fran LeBlanc, a member of the local advisory committee, and Barbara Perkins, president of the Southwick Teachers Association.** Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## \$4,300 Raised By Suffield Residents For Poland

By Connie Davis

A champagne party fundraiser held Sunday at the Suffield Inn added \$4,300 to the "Food For Poland" coffers. Organized by local residents, the February 28th event was an expression of moral and material support for the Polish people.

Each of the 200-plus individuals in attendance donated a minimum of \$10. According to Paul Kulas, chairman of the event, donations are still being received and he is hopeful that \$5,000 will be raised.

Dr. Stanislaw Blejwas, professor of Polish Studies at Central Connecticut State College and featured speaker, noted that, so far, about \$200,000 has been raised in Connecticut alone for this drive. He emphasized that funds raised locally will be funnelled to the Polish people through Polish Catholic Relief channels, "the best guarantee that people will be helped directly."

Some in attendance at the party indicated they have relatives in Poland and told of the trials of the Polish people under martial law.

Many of the women attending the affair wore beautiful, authentic Polish costumes. The inn was decorated with the colors of the Polish flag, and Polish music, including their national anthem, played throughout the afternoon.

Sophie Gumiński presented \$150 to Father Henry Fiedorczyk of St. Joseph's Church. This included a gift from the Suffield Association of Retired Persons. She also made the red and white ribbon decorations worn by the 200-plus people in attendance.

Father Fiedorczyk urged local residents to bring serviceable clothing and shoes for children and the elderly to the church home.

The fundraising committee included Father Fiedorczyk as honorary chairman, Dr. Alfred Stafford, Joseph Osowiecki, Edward Szewczyk, John Misek, Joseph Sutula, Samuel and Nancy Orr, Marianne Alfano, Marcia Alcorn, Dorothy McCarty, Jean Kulas, Shirley Edmonds, and William Roberts.

Those who still wish to make a contribution to the "Food For Poland" effort may call Paul Kulas at the Suffield Inn at 668-0219.

"Good News Surrounds Us"

March 6, 1982

## Southwick School Board Delays Action On Computer Bids

By Andi Phelps

**Southwick:** Members of the Southwick School Committee agreed to hold off further action on micro-computer bids until representatives of Commodore and Atari companies can demonstrate the various features of their individual equipment for the board.

In a move to promote computer literacy among Southwick students, the School Committee is considering purchase of five computers for the high school and one for Powder Mill School with Title IV-B funds.

The low bid, submitted by the Small Computer Company of East Longmeadow, was \$6,935 for purchase of Commodore PET units.

Following investigation into three major brands of computer equipment, Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn recommended acceptance of the Small Computer Company's low bid on the Commodore model.

John Whalley, a Southwick resident and computer science teacher at Agawam High School for the past thirteen years, addressed the board Tuesday night, asking members to consider purchasing Atari equipment "because of its value as a teaching tool."

Although Whalley had submitted a bid for Commodore which fell mid-range, he noted, "The Commodore is a good business machine, but is not designed to capture and maintain students' interest like the Atari."

Whalley, who works with all three brands of computers, explained that he submitted a bid on the Commodore with which he is affiliated "in order to convince the (local advisory) committee that I am not financially involved with Atari. However, I strongly believe that the Atari is better suited for the school situation."

He added that the Atari has more built-in capabilities and is a more durable machine for school use. He noted also that the Agawam school system presently has fifteen Ataris with which they are pleased.

Following Whalley's presentation, the board voted 3-1 not to accept the low bid on the Commodore as recommended. Voting in favor of the low bid was Jeffrey Youens.

Demonstrations of both the Atari and Commodore models are planned for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the School Committee on March 16th.

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In other business, the committee appointed High School Vice Principal J. Paul Meagher as acting principal until Alexander Prew, who is recuperating from heart surgery, returns. The appointment is for approximately 8 weeks.

Michael Camerota, social studies teacher at the high school, was appointed acting vice principal for the same time. The appointments are effective immediately.

Dr. Josselyn reported that both Granville and Tolland will send their students to Southwick schools next September as they have in the past. The two towns had considered sending approximately 120 students elsewhere after the local committee raised tuition rates.

The committee voted 3-1 against allowing Maureen Dupre a leave of absence from her co-curricular position as high school girls track coach. According to committeeman Jeffrey Youens, leave policy applies to full-time positions. Co-curricular positions are appointed yearly, he said.

In another matter, Powder Mill teacher Elizabeth Marcinowsky was granted maternity leave until May 1.

Marie Gannon was appointed permanent substitute special needs teacher to replace Deberles Rice at Woodland School. Ms. Gannon is a 1980 graduate of Westfield State College and is certified to teach special needs students.

## The Flavor Of Poland For Fundraiser



**DRESSED IN NATIVE POLISH OUTFITS** at the Champagne Party held to raise funds for the "Food for Poland" drive are (left to right); Louise Babiarz, Nellie Kopcin, Ann Jaworski, Barbara Sutula, Jan Misek, and Jean Kulas. The affair was held on February 28th. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Southwick Receives Air Pack Unit



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## Suffield Bonds Sell For Lowest Interest Rate

Lewis Cannon, Treasurer of the Town of Suffield, has announced that the town sold \$1,170,000 in bonds at a new interest cost of 8.99%, reflecting the lowest interest rate by a Connecticut municipality since October, 1980. The bonds were sold to finance a portion of town's four-and-a-half million dollar sewer program.

The winning bid was submitted by Roosevelt and Cross of New York City and Colonial Bank and Trust of Waterbury, Connecticut.

Second place bid was submitted by Connecticut Bank and Trust Company of Hartford at a net interest cost of 9.09%. A total of seven bids was submitted with the highest bid being 9.47%.

The bid was termed outstandingly successful by the town's financial advisor Robert A. Stanley, vice-president of Connecticut Bank and Trust Company.

Stanley went on to say that the rate was reflective of the town's maintaining an Aa rating by Moody's Investors Service of New York and of the town's sound financial position making it possible for the debt to be of short duration.

## S.E.A. Wins Arbitration Dispute

By Connie Davis

**Suffield:** Arbitration recently settled the contract dispute between the Suffield Education Association (SEA) and the town's Board of Education. The problem of how to disperse salary increases to the 142 teachers in the association was resolved in favor of SEA proposals.

Board members had previously stated that salaries for beginning teachers should be high enough to be competitive with other schools in the area in order to attract new talent. Disagreement on dispensing of salary increases led to submission of the dispute to binding arbitration.

Arbitration approved the contract increasing salaries 19.2% over the next two years: \$252,439 or 9.3% for the year 1982-'83 and \$293,717 or 9.9% increase for the following year.

Presently teachers with master's degrees plus 45 graduate credits gain an increase of 9.7% for two years and 10.4% the third year. Teachers without graduate credit receive annual increments between 6 and 7%.

Next year, a beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree will receive \$11,500. Had arbitrators accepted board proposals, beginning teachers would start at \$13,000. \* \* \* \* \*

In other business, the board approved the purchase of a new geography textbook for the seventh grade.

McAlister School teacher Ronald Savoy explained this year's sports program available for middle school students. After-school intramural programs have been sponsored with the cooperation of the Recreation Department's Director Bruce Dinnie.

Next year, Savoy would like to see greater involvement of students in various sports along with more teacher involvement in coaching.

The board also approved a trip to Montreal by members of Suffield High School's Interact club, a Rotary-sponsored group of students. The educational excursion is planned for the last weekend in April.

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# Cable TV Coming To Southwick

By Andi Phelps

**Southwick:** Residents can be receiving cable television "by the time the kids are out of school" according to Roderick Macleod, president of Commonwealth Cablevision of Massachusetts, Inc. Macleod told selectmen last Wednesday that planning stages are completed and construction crews are ready to begin stringing lines here Monday. Selectmen approved the final license.

Approximately 86% of the town will be serviced by the Westfield firm, including apartment complexes on the designated streets. According to Macleod, residents enrolling during the initial stage will not be charged an installation fee. Monthly rates will be \$8.75 each for basic cable channels and Home Box Office. Other options are also available, he said.

At the Wednesday hearing, questions were raised concerning areas that will not be initially served, especially where regular television reception is poor. According to Macleod, the company usually installs in areas with 40 or more homes to a mile "in order to at least break even."

He said services to sparsely settled sections would have to be subsidized by customers in other areas and that would not be fair. He added that if homeowners in an area not planned for service so desire, they can ask the company to install at a higher rate than is usually charged.

Francis Ehrhardt of Kline Road, also chairman of the Finance Committee, felt that the cablevision company

should be obliged to make a commitment within a definite time frame to install in the remaining parts of town. Ehrhardt said that this company will be the only one serving Southwick and they should, therefore, take care of the entire community.

Commonwealth Cablevision serves about 28,000 families in Agawam, Holyoke, Granby, South Hadley, West Springfield, and Westfield. The Southwick contract will provide for service to 2,128 units and run for fifteen years. Macleod said he does not see any rate increase in the near future and that rates locally will be the same as Westfield's.

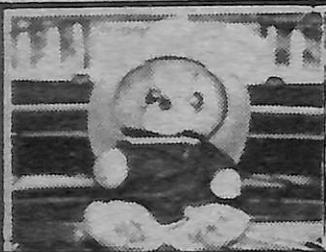
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In other business, selectmen took under advisement the application of Atty. William A. Murray to transfer the seasonal all-liquor club license of Westwick Racquet Club to his name as representative of the Westfield Savings Bank, which is the present owner of the club.

The bank does not plan to operate the club, but hopes to sell the Tannery Road business. The license will lie dormant until a new owner applies for it, according to Murray.

Area residents expressed concern as to future operation of the club, possible noise, and bright lights from the tennis courts.

Selectman John Viel said that these items would be addressed at a later hearing after the property has been purchased and is ready for operation.



## Views From The Volunteers

By Lt. Ed Pepe  
Southwick Fire Dept.

### Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

I have tried in the past months to have my articles contain fire safety tips, and although this week's article might seem different, it is still of concern to the safety of everyone.

It has been brought to the attention of the Fire Department that there are a number of fire hydrants that are inaccessible due to the planting of flowers or putting up fences. During the next few weeks the Fire

Department along with the Water Department, will tour the water system to check the condition of the hydrants.

Please, if you are approached by a member of the department and are asked to remove an obstruction, do not be offended but realize we need these hydrants to effectively put out fires.

All of the hydrants are located on town property so that no fence or scrub, or planting of any kind should obstruct the access to the hydrant.

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Another very important item that has been brought to my attention is the frequency that people check their smoke detector battery. The smoke detector will not operate without a fresh battery. Please take the time to push the test button and feel assured that your's is working. To emphasize this during the month of April, the department along with local merchants will feature "Change Your Battery Week." Look for the promotion in one of your fine local stores.

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The minor is the beneficiary of the Trust, but is not the owner of the account. The account belongs to the Trustee, and therefore, carries the Trustee's social security number. The Trustee may pay income tax on the interest earned by the Trust Account.

Custodial Accounts are established under the Connecticut Uniform Gifts to Minor's Act. The accounts are established to control the use of funds that are the property of a minor until the minor reaches the age of 21.

The significant difference between Trustee and Custodial Accounts is the fact that the funds are the property of the minor at the time a deposit is made and the Custodian cannot revoke the decision. The minor is both the beneficiary and the owner of the account.

The Custodian can exercise control of the funds, but the funds are to be used only for the benefit of the minor. Custodial Accounts carry the social security number of the minor and the minor pays any income tax that is due on the interest the account earns.

Parents, grandparents, and relatives who wish to make gifts to minors should be especially aware of the differences between Trust and Custodian Accounts.

Adult Trusts will be discussed in a future article.

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### Council For Arts To Present Coast Guard Band Concert

Suffield: The Visting Artist Program sponsored by the Suffield Council for the Arts will present a concert by the Coast Guard Band on Wednesday, March 10th, at 1 p.m. at Suffield High School.

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## Suffield Calendar Of Events

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**Mon., Mar. 8:** Emergency Aid Assn. board meeting, 1 p.m., Clinic Bldg.; Film "Moby Dick," 7 p.m., library, free; Fire Drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall

**Tues., Mar. 9:** Arts & Crafts Show, Second Baptist Church; Rotary, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Troop 260, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's hall; Housing Authority, 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Kent Library Board of Trustees, 7:30, at library; Water Pollution Control Authority, 7:30, Town Hall

**Wed., Mar. 10:** Thrift Shop open, 10-3:30; Sr. Citizens' program, 10 a.m., Maple Court; "Death, Dying, & Bereavement," 7:30, library, free; Police Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Recreation Comm., 7:30, Tall Hall Annex; Republican Town Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; St. Joseph's Rosary Guild, 7:30, church hall; Suffield High Booster Club, 7:30, SHS caf.

**Thurs., Mar. 11:** Ambulance Assn., 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Holy Name Society Bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall; Selectmen, 7:30, Town Hall

**Sat., Mar. 13:** Children's family tree demonstration, 10:30 a.m., library, pre-registration.

**Sun., Mar. 14:** Kent Library open 1-4:30

## Library Offers Program On Death & Dying

Suffield: The Suffield Emergency Aid and Kent Memorial Library are co-sponsoring two seminars on Death, Dying, and Bereavement. The first will take place on Wednesday, March 10, at the library beginning at 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Anderson, nurse-educator with Connecticut Hospice, will be the guest speaker.

The second seminar will take place on Tuesday, March 23, at the library at 7:30. Dr. Kenneth Colby, clinical psychologist and volunteer with the Hospice Bereavement Team, will be the speaker.

Both lectures are open to the public at no charge.

## Family Tree Program For Kids

Suffield: Children in grades 4 and 5 are invited to learn about making a family tree at Kent Memorial Library on Saturday, March 13th, at 10:30 a.m.

Elizabeth Goldstein from the Springfield Museum will begin her program by talking about the history of names, family crests, and time lines and then will help children make a family tree.

Children may now register at the library by calling 668-2325.

### Story Hour

Stories, filmstrips, movies, movement, simple crafts, and related activities will bring stories alive for young children at Kent Memorial Library.

Story hour times are 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for children ages 3 through 5, and at 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for 2½ year olds.

To register, call the library after 10 a.m. March 3rd through March 16th.

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**SOUTHWICK STUDENTS** who dressed up for the Winter Carnival held last Saturday (Feb. 27th) at the BOSS fundraiser, are, from left: Chris McNamara, Wendy Lemieux, Eric Leavitt, Brenda Burcke, Vicki Towle, Amy Buy, Jim Woodell. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## B.O.S.S. Reports Goal Almost Reached

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Les Carpenter, president of Boost Our Southwick Schools (B.O.S.S.), told the School Committee last Tuesday that his group has raised \$4,700 of its \$5,000 goal for funds to support extra-curricular activities whose accounts have been cut since Proposition 2½ took effect.

Composed primarily of parents, the group has held several fundraisers since its formation last spring. Carpenter reported their Winter Carnival was very well attended, and the group hopes to make it an annual affair.

School Committeemen Thomas Ferrazono commended the organization, saying, "the great effort of the group has to be noted."

Carpenter said, "We have been disappointed with the lack of support from teachers and administration for our group's efforts. We would especially like teacher involvement because they know how to get through to kids."

He added, "We are working hard to help their system as well as ours."

Exactly how or when the B.O.S.S. funds would be used is still undecided, but Business Director Kenneth Johnson said the \$13,000 budgeted for athletics was nearly gone. He noted the program is living off the revolving account which has previously been used for future purchases.

Johnson said user fees will help support the spring sports program, but Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn pointed out that such fees have tended to discourage extensive student participation.

Johnson predicted that next year will be "tough because we will not have anything to start with."

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RUSSELL AND RAYMOND FOX model "penny pinching" fashions at the Southwick Grange Meeting on Tuesday, February 23. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Grange Donates To Local Charities

**Southwick:** Members of the Southwick Grange have approved donations of \$155 to the Shriner Circus Program Book, \$75 to the Hartford County 4-H Fair Book, \$25 to the State Grange Youth Leadership Training School, and \$25 to the State Grange Youth Travel Fund.

A fashion show was presented at the organization's last meeting. Among the Grange members modeling were Gerald Davis, Anna Mae Pease, Barbara Morpeth, Connie Johnson, Doris Clark, Ruth Connor, Russell and Raymond Fox. Three non-members also participated: Wendy and Desirée Lemieux, and Christine McNamara.

The pianist for the show was Mrs. Cynthia Seibert with Mrs. Ruth Seibert as master of ceremonies. Clothing was furnished by "Family Closet" on College Highway.

## Suffield Players Animal Hunting

The Suffield Players are hunting for animals. They want dogs, giraffes, tigers, horses, and, most of all, they want teddy bears.

During the months of March and April, the Players will collect stuffed animals for the Newington's Children's Hospital, which is always in need of toys. The Players, with the assistance of local businesses and institutions, will be receiving them from the community.

Any size animal is fine, but the articles should be clean, not torn in any way, and attractive enough to cuddle. The Players urge animal-lovers large and small to share that friend who's alone in the toybox with someone who really needs cheering up.

Stuffed animals may be dropped off in the box at John's Foodtown or at the Kent Memorial Library. The Suffield Players will also be receiving animals at the Country Fair at the Enfield Square Mall on March 12th & 13th.

## Scouts & Little Leaguers Plan Paper Drive Next Saturday

**Suffield:** The two Boy Scout troops and Little League organization will collect scrap paper throughout town on Saturday, March 13th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Townspeople are asked to put their bundles of newspapers and magazines at the roadside for the boys to pick up. If a resident cannot bring his papers to the road, a small bundle with a note may be used to tell the crews where to find the paper.

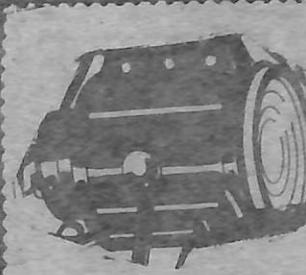
Special arrangements may be made with Al Shinkevitch for West Suffield or Lester Smith for the East Street region. The Little League will collect in the central region.

The two groups plan to use the proceeds from this drive to help support their programs. Collections are also scheduled for June 15, September 18, and December 4.

## Literary Club To Meet

**Suffield:** The Mapleton Literary Club of Suffield will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, at 2 p.m. at the Kent Memorial Library.

Larry Lerot will speak on the topic "Fun, Fragrance, and Food with Herbs." Hostesses for this meeting are Mary Thurston, Mary Jones, Ruth Greer, Lucy McCarthy, Elizabeth Biggerstaff, and Dorothy Smith.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

### SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENU

**Mon., Mar. 8:** Roast turkey breast w/gravy, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, wheat bread, tapioca pudding, milk

**Tues., Mar. 9:** Salisbury steak w/gravy, whipped potato, sliced carrots, rye bread, canned pears, milk

**Wed., Mar. 10:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, French bread, apricots, milk

**Thurs., Mar. 11:** Chicken 'n gravy, whipped potato, peas, cranberry sauce, wheat bread, chocolate chop cookies, milk

**Fri., Mar. 12:** Baked haddock, herb-buttered rice, mexi corn, cole slaw, rye bread, banana, milk

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There will be a meeting of Southwick Seniors at the Senior Center on Point Grove Road on Monday, March 8th, from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 9th, a Senior Aides meeting will take place in Easthampton, and on Tuesday, March 16th, the Seniors Birthday Party will be held from 1:30-3:30 at the Senior Center. Bingo will be played after the party for those who may be interested.

On Monday, March 15th, a Council on Aging meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.

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### SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

Needlepoint lessons with Anna Dehoff will take place for four weeks on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. Cost will be \$5 plus materials. Tote bags, boxes, belts, and other items will be made.

A corned beef and cabbage luncheon is planned for Wednesday, March 17th, at Maple Court Hall. Cost will be \$2.50 and reservations are required with limited seating.

## Brass Choir To Perform At Congo Church

On Friday evening, March 12 at 8 p.m., the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Brass Choir, assisted by organist Bruce Henley, will present a concert at the First Church of Christ Congregational on High Street in Suffield.

Selections will be by the Brass Choir alone and with the organ. The choir is composed of seventeen students. Lewis Cannon, a 1979 graduate of Suffield High, and former All-State trombone player, is the first trombonist with the WPI group.

Tickets, which are available at the door, are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children (12 and under). All proceeds will benefit the church organ fund.



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## Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott



### "Newcomer" Making Good

Four years ago, Myrth Thompson saw a notice in the newspaper inviting women to attend a meeting of the Suffield Women's Club. Having just moved to town, she decided to check it out.

"As a newcomer to town, it helped me get to know people and what there was to do here," she says of her decision to join the club.

She is now in her second year as president of this organization. Myrth considers the volunteer time she puts in well worth the effort because of the many projects for the benefit of the town. Some of these include scholarships, aid to the Kent Library, and support of the ambulance fund.

Myrth is also able to demonstrate her best talents and favorite hobbies through the women's club. In the arts and crafts show to be held this week, residents can see many of her handmade items.

Her major craft interest is needlework, and she has knitted, crocheted, counted cross-stitch, and embroidered items for the show. She is also entering two suits in the fashion sewing category which will be judged for craftsmanship as well as appearance.

Myrth's entries challenge strong competition because she has a degree in home economics from the University of Wisconsin in her home state. She taught in that field prior to beginning her family.

Myrth also earned a master's degree in clothing and textiles from Pennsylvania State University, where she met her husband Richard. After they were married, his job involved frequent transfers, and they lived in several areas throughout the northern states.

She says that she has always made her own drapes and home furnishings for each new home. Her skill in interior decorating is evident in her present home on Halladay Avenue, where she lives with her son Kevin.

Myrth has three other children: Rick, Jeff, in Minneapolis, and Stacey, who lives in Missouri. She particularly likes Suffield's close proximity to Bradley Air Field which is convenient when her family and friends fly in to visit.

Another reason Myrth enjoys living in Suffield is its semi-rural atmosphere which exists close to two large cities bringing so much within a few minutes drive. She also loves the view of trees from her home, a view not often found in a suburban development.

Myrth is active in P.E.O., an international philanthropic association which provides low interest loans as well as educational grants to women. They sponsor the International Peace Scholarship to women in foreign countries who come to the United States for study and then return to their own countries to practice skills learned here.

Myrth has recently joined the Congregational Church and has agreed to serve on the Prudential (church property) Committee.

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## Suffield Girl Up For Miss Mass/USA Title

Maryellen McCarthy, daughter of Mrs. John E. McCarthy of 94 Brandywine Lane, Suffield, has been selected as an entrant in the 1982 Miss Massachusetts-USA Pageant to be held at the Sheraton Lincoln Grand Ballroom in Worcester on March 13th and 14th.

The state pageant will select the Massachusetts representative to the Miss U.S.A. Pageant to be televised on CBS-TV from the Mississippi Gulf Coast in May.

Maryellen will be competing with girls from all over the Bay State for the title of Miss Massachusetts-USA. Last year, eighty entrants competed. To qualify for Miss Massachusetts, an entrant must either reside in the state or be enrolled as a fulltime student in the state.

A graduate of Suffield High School, Maryellen is now a graduate student at American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts, from which she graduated last year with a degree in business administration.

In addition to her studies, Maryellen is employed part-time in the office of the assistant dean and is head resident in charge of Reed Hall, a student dormitory.

One of the requirements of the Miss Mass/USA Pageant is that each entrant wear a costume descriptive of the area she represents: Maryellen plans to wear an outfit representative of the Basketball Hall of Fame located in Springfield.

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## SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

### Powder Mill & High Schools

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**Wed., Mar. 10:** American chop suey, buttered green beans, bread & butter or peanut butter, fruit, milk  
**Thurs., Mar. 11:** Boeuf Bourguignon (beef stew/vegetable), salade verte (tossed salad), pain, (French bread), mousse au chocolat (chocolate mousse), du lait (milk)  
**Fri., Mar. 12:** Fishwich on roll, sliced cheese, french fries, buttered corn, fruited jello, milk

### Woodland School

**Monday:** Frankfurter on roll, potato rounds, chilled fruit, milk  
**Tuesday:** Tomato rice soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, vegetable sticks, cheese fingers, cookie, milk  
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STUDENTS IN MRS. ARDUINI'S 4TH GRADE class at Powder Mill participated in a Japan Day program last week. Pictured in Japanese kimonos, (left to right) are John Antonuzzo, Kevin Johnson, and Mrs. Arduini. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

## Powder Mill To Begin Parent-School Group

Southwick: A meeting will be held at the Powder Mill School auditorium on Tuesday, March 9th, at 7:30 for parents interested in forming a parent-school organization.

According to Principal Herbert C. Pace, Jr., many parents and teachers have expressed an interest in forming such an organization to establish better communications and understanding between homes and the school.

"As parents and educators, we have many common concerns about the quality of education that our children receive, and it is hoped that by working together, we can contribute to meeting this goal," said Pace.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Monte Flagg, supervisor of health instruction for the Springfield Public Schools, who will speak on the topic "Substance Abuse by the Young." A question-and-answer period will follow. Refreshments will be served.

## Japanese Culture Brought To Life At Powder Mill School

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: Fourth-grade students at Powder Mill School culminated six weeks of preparation and study by transforming their classroom into a guided tour of Japan for visitors.

The idea for such a project came three years ago to their teacher, Mrs. Kathy Arduini, who felt her students should experience other countries and cultures. Over the years, several attractions have been added to create an interesting and full itinerary.

As part of their project, students study about Japan, work on displays, and make exhibits. Dressed in brightly colored, handmade kimonos, the children greeted visitors with the standard Japanese word, "konniciwa." At every table, an enthusiastic fourth grader explained his or her exhibit.

A favorite among the youngsters was demonstrating the art of eating with chopsticks. Patiently, they tried to pick up miniature marshmallows, oriental-style, and smiled widely when their efforts were rewarded with a sweet treat.

Visitors were encouraged to practice calligraphy, a Japanese form of writing done with paints and brushes. As Japanese children must learn 1,350 signs before they are allowed to graduate from school, Powder Mill students soon learned to appreciate our 26-letter alphabet. In one corner of the room, a slide demonstration showed several historical sites in Japan. Native items such as coins, fans, and ornate tea services displayed the beautiful artwork of the country.

Japanese craftsmanship was exhibited in the form of Carp kites, made of tissue paper in the shape of a fish; window screens, also made of tissue paper which was pressed between pieces of wax paper; and Hina dolls, made of paper and intended to ward off illnesses.

Though history and geography comprise a major part of this cultural project, elements of the Japanese language were also employed. Trying their hands at Haiku, the Japanese form of poetry consisting of three unrhymed lines specifically structured to create a single image, gave students a chance to experiment with word rhythm to convey an idea.

Students also learned some Japanese folk tales and games, such as "fukuwari," which is similar to our Pin the Tale on the Donkey but asks the participants to create a face by putting on features while blindfolded.

Fellow teacher Mrs. Debbie Woodford assisted in the preparation of this program for visitors, sharing Mrs. Arduini's opinion on opening up a whole new world to their students. As Mrs. Arduini said, "I want my students to become aware of the world beyond Southwick."

With this type of study, they not only became aware of Japan, but were able to share their knowledge with others.

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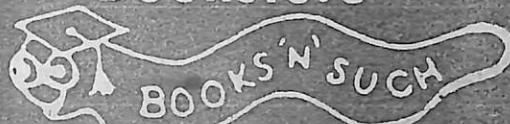
## Kindergarten Registration Set

Southwick: Registration for kindergarten in the Southwick Public Schools for the year 1982-83 will be held at the Woodland School on March 22nd and 23rd.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten this September, a child should be five years old on or before September 1, 1982.

All parents having a child eligible should call Woodland School (569-6598) as soon as possible to arrange for an appointment time.

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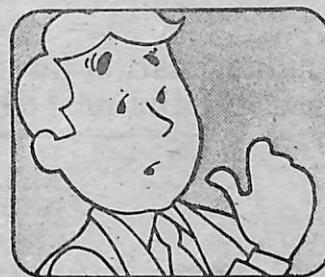


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## Southwick Musician Chosen To Perform With National Group

Sherri Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carpenter, Jr., of 258 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, has been selected to perform with the "Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus" when this national organization tours Europe this summer.

An honor roll student at Southwick High School, Sherri participates in Student Council, the Hostess Club, plays clarinet in band and tenor saxophone in stage band. She was a Girls' State nominee and serves as co-editor of the high school yearbook. She also earned a spot on the all-star second team in field hockey in both league and Western Massachusetts play.

Last year, Sherri participated in District Chorus, and this year was selected to represent Southwick in the Lions' Club All-State Band. She will join other select musicians chosen to represent nearly every state in the Union when the "Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus" begins its concert tour of Europe this summer.

All applicants to the "Sound of America" membership are carefully screened and chosen only after a rigid character and musical evaluation. To be chosen is a distinguished honor.

## Open Forum On Effects Of 2½ Slated In Southwick

An open forum entitled "Schools at the Crossroads: Survival Under Proposition 2½" will be held on Thursday, March 18th, at 7:30 p.m. in Southwick High School auditorium.

A panel comprised of a parent, a Student Council representative, teachers, a school committeeperson, a member of the Finance Committee, and a selectman will make a presentation. Gilbert Arnold will serve as moderator.

Discussion will center on the impact of Proposition 2½ on Southwick schools and on what the future holds. Members of the audience will be permitted to ask questions.

Refreshments will follow the program.



THESE ARE THREE OF THE SPAULDING SCHOOL 5th graders who will be performing with the Suffield High School Concert Band on Thursday, March 11th, at the high school. Pictured, left to right, are C.J. Hartmann, Paul Cortis, and David Lee. This public is invited to attend this fundraising program. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

## Joint Band Show Set For March 11

On Thursday, March 11th, the Suffield High School Concert Band will host a joint performance with fifth grade instrumentalists from Spaulding School.

The fund-raising event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses for the concert bands' upcoming trip to New York.

Among the numbers to be performed are: Bach's Prelude in B, the Neopolitan Overture, and the Manhattan Skyline classic "Tubby the Tuba." The tuba part will be played by Larry Samplatsky, "Peepo the Picalo" will be performed by Callie Glass, and the Frog will be portrayed by Richard Dilko.

Tickets for the evening's entertainment will be \$2 and may be purchased at the door.

## SUFFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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Wed., Mar. 10: Meatball grinder, tossed salad, apple crisp.  
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Fri., Mar. 12: Apple juice, fish and cheese in sesame seed roll, potato puffs, chocolate chip cake.

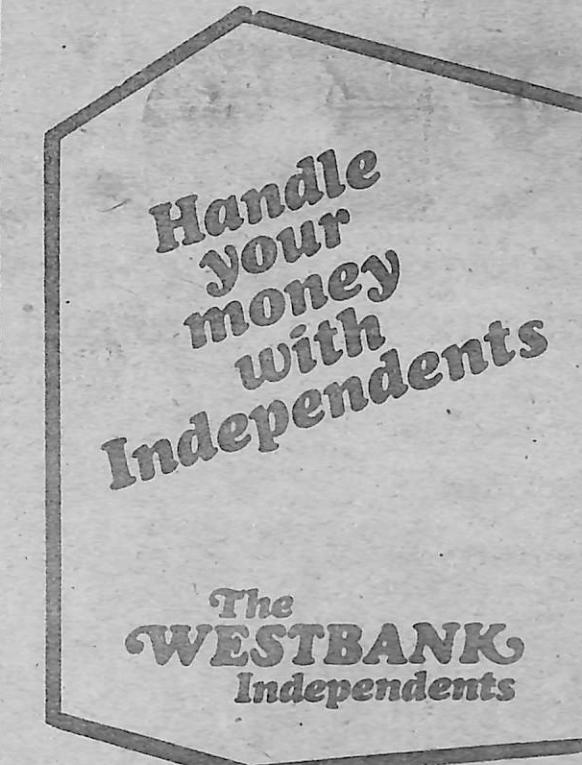
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## Plum Cake Players Perform At Spaulding

By Connie Davis

Students in kindergarten through grade five saw Plum Cake Players perform at Spaulding School Wednesday in conjunction to the generosity of the Visiting Artists' Fund of the Suffield Council of the Arts. A professional group, the Players were well received by the youngsters.

Kindergarten through third grade students were entertained with an original play that tells the story of "Deeda's fight for survival against the odds of insensitivity and ignorance."

Fourth and fifth graders saw "Sunspots," another original play, "recounting one person's night in the sun."

Appearing in both productions were players Lee Costello, Tony Wilusz and Brian Johnson.

The younger group enjoyed the story about the Lizard, who took them back to the Maskerine Islands, where there was nothing but grass, trees, lizards and Dodo birds.

Third graders Jonathan Nicholson, Frank Formanek, Matthew Murzyn, Amy Siegmann and Julie Mdas joined the Admiral for life on the high seas, vowing they weren't afraid of "sharks, crabs, jellyfish, pirates, rats or mosquito-ees."

The audience got very involved in the play, helping the crew "civilize" the Maskerine Islands by chopping down trees, sawing up logs, hammering nails, painting and swatting flies. About 400 children were in the audience. When they participated, they were enthusiastic and their attentiveness during most of the performance was remarkable.

The Plum Cake Players' group was formed in 1973. Based in Hartford, the Players are primarily a touring company and has performed throughout the state. In the past five years, they have presented 650 performances of 45 original scripts with "participation by the audience" an essential ingredient for each production.

Seed money for the Visiting Artists Fund is provided by local organizations and interested citizens. Anyone wishing to donate should forward a check to the First National Bank of Suffield, payable to Visiting Artists Fund.

### Suffield Players Offer Drama Scholarship

The Suffield Players will once again offer the Robert Alcorn Memorial Drama Scholarship this spring. A fund of \$500 has been set up and will be awarded to one or two individuals at the Players' annual meeting in June.

Eligible applicants must be residents of Suffield, be presently enrolled as a first-term student in an accredited institution of higher education, and be pursuing a career in some aspect of stage, television/radio, or film production.

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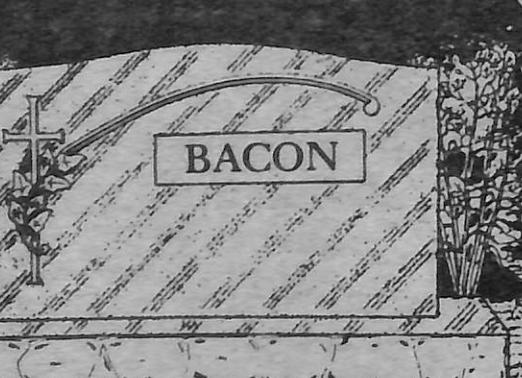
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**Stuart Fuller  
Guidance Chairman**

Scheduling for next year's seniors will begin Monday. It is not too late for any student to look into adding a vocational option to their program for next year. The Vocational Agriculture program at Suffield High is a viable experience for students seeking a background in any phase of the growing field of agriculture.

The Howell Cheney Vocational Technical program, located at Asnuntuck Community College, is also an excellent opportunity to explore the machine tool, electronics, and computer areas. An open house for this program will be held Friday, March 12th, from 7-9 p.m. for any Suffield Folks interested.

On Tuesday, March 9th, a Navy recruiter will be available in the guidance office to address any issues or concerns of students.

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## SPORTS/RECREATION



MEMBERS OF THE 1981-82 Suffield High varsity basketball team are, back row, from left; Coach Fran Aniello, Tony Young, Jim Danise, Tom Morrison, Andy Davis, Roger Hawes, Bobby Psholka, Rick McCarty. Front row; Tony Gebhart, Ted Lyon, Dave Simmons, Russ Fricke and Ed Anglero. Advertiser/News photo by John Lofthus.

### Suffield Skaters Advance In Tournament, 4-2

By Rick McCarty

As hockey moves into the end of its first century, many things have changed. For example, now is the era of the "Great Gretsky" and other prominent goal scorers. Gone is the era of position defense in hockey and disciplined offensive play.

However, the Suffield High varsity hockey team showed last Wednesday, that position hockey and an orderly offensive thrust still exists. With a 4-2 victory over defending Division I state champions Fairfield, the Wildcats moved into the second round of the tournament while Fairfield Prep goes home wondering how they got bounced.

From the outset of the contest, Suffield only allowed Fairfield shots on goal from far out or from bad angles. Ironically, it was a bad angle shot that put the Wildcats on the scorecard just 37 seconds into the second period.

Senior winger John Gallant unleashed a slapper from about 15 feet to the left of the faceoff circle for a 1-0 Suffield lead. Later in the same period, senior linemate Mike Milligan had a carbon copy goal only this time to

the right of the Fairfield netminder.

Taking a two goal margin into the final stanza, Suffield was led by the tandem of senior Dan Sullivan and senior Rob Colson. While Sullivan pestered the Prep defensemen into mistakes, Colson was recklessly aiming his body to block shots. All told, Colson stopped five Fairfield blasts before they could ever take-off.

The Wildcats scored their third goal with 5:03 left in the game as winger Joe Carreri added a breakaway tally. However, just a minute later, Fairfield scored to break Bernie Dion's shutout bid. And with 1:37 left to play, Prep made it 3-2 in an attempt to spoil Suffield's excellent upset bid.

It was then the crowd became aware of the position defense. Fairfield pulled the goalie which them a 6-5 advantage of attackers. The Wildcats did not panic as each played a position and held that territory so no Fairfield player could get near the net. While the visiting net was empty, senior center pulled the trigger into the Fairfield goal and Suffield had achieved a superb 4-2 win.

### Cagers Take Heart: Better Times Coming

By Rick McCarty

Following a loss to the Windsor Locks Raiders in their season finale, the Suffield High boys basketball team held mixed emotions. For some, it meant the end of their basketball careers. For others, it meant their first year jitters were over.

For seniors David Simmons, Tom Morrison, Rob Psholka, Tony Gebhart, and Rick McCarty, their four years of playing together had terminated. At first, Simmons, an NCCC All-Star, felt remorse as the season ended. Later, however, he said that the team had given their best most of the time and the 6-14 record was easier to swallow.

For junior Russ Fricke, Jim Danise, Andy Davis, and Tony Young, it meant they had passed their first varsity season. Sophomores Eddie Angelero and freshman Teddy Lyon, the same held true. Sophomore Roger Hawes saw limited action as a freshman last year so the 1981-82 campaign was his first full varsity season too.

"Although we were short on talent, we held our own against the contenders," explained coach Fran Aniello. Aniello had early fears because none of his players had been on winning basketball teams and a winning attitude was missing. Such was true for the Wildcats as they struggled to a 1-7 mark.

Suffield turned it around with an upset of then undefeated Stafford. From that point on, the locals played tough, aggressive basketball in every contest.

Having the number one and three scorers in the NCCC, one might think that Suffield would do better than they did. Yet Hawes and Simmons were the only two with scoring punch on the entire squad. Aniello said that throughout the season, "we lacked balance scoring."

Because of this, Suffield's highest scoring output for the season was 62 points.

For Aniello and the returning players, there is promise for the future. The junior varsity squad were the NCCC champions following a 36-34 victory over Stafford. Congratulations to coach Tom Ferreri and his team.

Junior Larry Lopez caned a jumper with 13 seconds remaining to give the locals the title. Suffield was also led by junior Rick Landau with 10 points and got some fine games from freshman point guard Dave Sullivan and 6-6 sophomore center Tom Moelloer.

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## Suffield Gymnasts Place Second In NCCC Tourney

By Dawn Cummock

The girls' gymnastics team walked away with their fifth win when they defeated South Windsor February 26th at South Windsor, 102.8 to 99.25. The win boosted Suffield's record to 5-4.

The meet was pleasing for Suffield not only because they won but because they achieved their highest score at that point in their season and beat their goal of 100 points in a single meet at the same time.

Suffield's Tracey Benoit placed in all four events, scoring a total of 29.7 points for the locals. Benoit captured first place in vaulting and the uneven parallel bars, and second place on the balance beam and floor exercise. Also placing for Suffield were Kelly Drake on the beam and floor and Dawn Cummock on bars. Kelly took third place on the beam and floor and Dawn took third on bars.

Suffield's next meet against Hall High of West Hartford resulted in a 127.05 to 109.45 defeat for the locals.

Suffield may have lost this one, but looking at the team that night anyone might have thought that they were the winners. And, as far as Suffield was concerned, they achieved their best performance of the season as a team.

Capturing first place in vaulting for Suffield was Tracey Benoit. Hall's Jenny Woerheide took second and Lynn Maklaris, also of Hall, earned third place.

On the uneven bars, Jenny Woerheide hit first, Nancy Dobrow was second, and Kim Bransomere placed third - all of the West Hartford side.

First place winner on the beam was Hall's Kim Branscomb with Suffield's Benoit close behind in second and Hall's Jenny Woerheide right behind Tracey in third place.

Hall's Vicki Walton captured first place on the floor with teammate Jodi Hazard earning second and Nancy Dobrow and Jenny Woerheide tying for third.

Suffield's final meet was the NCCC meet held at Suffield last Wednesday, March 3. The other three teams in the meet were East Windsor, Somers, and Stafford. Stafford was the victor with 130.8 points, Suffield placed second with 105.55 points.

Stafford not only scored above their competition, but also managed to walk away with first, second, and third in all four events as well as placing in the all-around.

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## Flyers' Squirts Head For Tourney

The Suffield Flyers Squirt A team will be participating in the Division I State Hockey Tournament, on March 5-7. Division I competition is reserved for the top eight teams in the state and will involve up to five game during the three day tournament.

The Flyers, by virtue of their 35-5-1 record, have been slotted number six in the rankings and will play their opening game against number 3 Mid-Fairfield. Suffield already holds wins over other Division I clubs such as South Windsor, Enfield and East Haven. This will be the first time in the Flyers' history that a team has qualified for Division I post-season tournament play.

This team of nine and ten year olds is led by the high scoring line of Rusty Stone, Tim Gifford and Ted DeCosmo. This line has combined for a total of 124 goals this season and has outscored their opponents 234-60. Chris Patsch has been as solid as a rock in goal with a 1.5 goals per game average.

Rounding out the first line at defense are Travis Tucker and Walt Wosko. The second line of Jason Humiston, Eric Lemieux, and Dan Racine continue the team's explosive offensive punch and first year Squirts players Mike Bruno, Tim McConnell and Andy Karr complete the high scoring team. Rusty Stone, with over 50 goals for the season, is the team's leading point-

getter, with McConnell holding second place scoring honors. Helping out on the defensive corps has been Nick Molander and Dan Lownds.

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Coach John Gifford commented that the team is peaking at the perfect time and expects a very strong effort in the tournament. The Flyers started out the season with many strong individual efforts on the part of several players, but have been able to instill in the boys the philosophy of team play and develop into a smooth operating group. Bill Stone, who assists Gifford, is particularly pleased with the passing and strong defense.

By virtue of their impressive play throughout the season, the Squirts have also been invited to play at an invitation tournament in Oyster Bay, Long Island on the weekend of March 26. This tournament will contain some of the top teams in the northeast.

During that same weekend, the Flyers will be the guests of the Hartford Whalers at a game against the New York Islanders (just a few miles from Oyster Bay). This game will be televised back to the Hartford area and the Flyers' team will be recognized during the game.

We extend our best wishes and good luck to this team in both of these tournaments.

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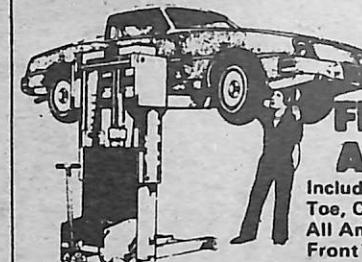
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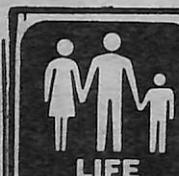
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**SOUTHWICK'S JUNIOR VARIETY CAGERS** recently finished their 1981-82 season at an outstanding 14-2 clip. Team members are, back row, from left; Coach Stetson Arnold, Sandy Gogal, Beth Jinks, Joanne Stigar, Wendy Champigney, Linda Keene, Vicki Towle and Amy Buy. Front row; Tricia Connors, Monica Monty, Renee Duval, Linda Brooks, Kim Scavetta, Deb Deray and Emma Brunton. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

## Southwick JV Cagers End At 14-2

By Chris Hout

QUESTION: What was the most successful basketball team at Southwick High this past season?

If you guessed the boys varsity you're wrong. And if you took a stab at the girls varsity, you're 0-2.

ANSWER: The girls junior varsity cagers enjoyed the winningest record with a 14-2 slate, finishing second in their division behind undefeated Holyoke Catholic (16-0).

Led by guard Emma Brunton and forward Wendy Champigney (both averaged 11 points a game), the young Rams won their first three games of the season, lost to Holyoke Catholic, buzzed through their next seven contests (including a 57-0 shutout over Belchertown), and then closed out the year with a four game winning streak.

Unfortunately, the girls lost again to Holyoke Catholic in-between streaks for the only 2 blemishes on the record.

"We were tough," noted first year coach Stetson Arnold. "I had a lot of girls on this team that really knew what the game was all about before I took it over."

Arnold had five girls return to the junior varsity team this year that were on Jim Vincent's (now the varsity coach) 15-1 team the season before.

"Jim deserves most of the credit," said Arnold modestly. "He really did a super job with the girls last season. So when I took over the team this year it was that much easier for me."

Other standouts on Arnold's squads this season were forward Amy Buy, who Arnold calls "the best rebounder on the team." Vicki Towle, another good rebounder, is the center. Debbie Deray led the team in assists at the point guard.

Co-captains Monica Monty and Linda Keene provided the leadership for Arnold's troops.

"We were really good this season," Arnold said. "I think we'll be even better next season. The varsity is returning a lot of good ballplayers so I'd say that only about three or four of my girls will be moving up."

Traditionally, junior varsity programs do not get much attention from area newspapers. Does this bother the coach or his players?

Arnold responded, "No it didn't bother me at all. I heard a few complaints from time to time from the players. I think everyone likes to read their names in the newspaper."

"After all," added Arnold, "we are in this for the varsity so they should get all the publicity. My girls will read about themselves when they get up to the varsity. They know that and I think it gives them incentive."

Arnold added, "As long as the score is mentioned, I'm more than happy."

## SOUTHWICK REC CENTER NEWS

On Sunday, March 14th, the Rec Center will conduct its second sign-up for summer programs. The sign-ups will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Rec Center and will include kickball, T-ball, girls' softball, baseball and tennis programs. We strongly urge parents to bring their children to this sign-up as equipment and coaches must be planned for.

Rec Center bingo is still drawing big crowds. The new bingo format that is now being used has drawn much praise and we hope to see even more people attend and have a great time.

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In basketball action on Saturday, February 27th, the Celtics beat the Sixers by a score of 44-23. This Celtic win moved them up to a three-way tie for first place with the Sixers and the Hawks. All three teams have 4-2 records. The Celtics received balanced scoring from Kevin Cass, Doug Parent and Dean Wakefield while the Sixers' high scorers were Ron Cote and Mark Tyrowicz.

The second game on Saturday saw the Hawks defeat the Kings by a score of 53-41. The high scoring of Billy Richards and Mike Vincent helped bring the Hawks to victory. The Kings were led by Steve Kilgore and Billy Lis.

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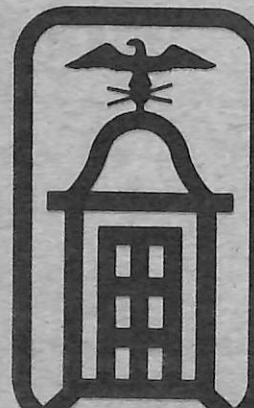
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